

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
HOMELESS SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023
VIA TELECONFERENCE, 3:30 PM**

Julie Lie, Chair
Desiree Rew, Vice Chair
Sarah Bedy, Member
Sylvia Guerrero, Member
James Howat, Member



S. Jolene Hui, Member
Jeffrey Johnson, Member
Ray Morquecho, Member
Susana Sngiem, Member

**HOMELESS SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE
PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361**

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CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Homeless Services Advisory Committee of the City of Long Beach convened at 3:32 p.m. via teleconference.

ROLL CALL

Also present: Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Bureau Manager; Jeffrey Proctor, Homeless Services Admin and Operations Officer; Joel Reynoza, Homeless Resource Coordinator; Stephanie Sosa, Contracts and Grants Associate; Anita Lakhani, Deputy City Attorney.

Vice-Chair Desiree Rew presiding.

Commissioners Sarah Bedy, Sylvia Guerrero, James Howat, S. Jolene Hui,
Present: Jeffrey Johnson, Ray Morquecho and Desiree Rew

Commissioners Julie Lie

Excused:

Commissioners Diego Castaneda and Susana Sngiem

Absent:

REGULAR AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [23-001HS](#) Recommendation to approve minutes for December 7, 2022

A motion was made by Member James Howat, seconded by Sarah Bedy, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Sarah Bedy, James Howat, S. Jolene Hui, Jeffrey Johnson, Ray Morquecho and Desiree Rew

Abstain: 1 - Sylvia Guerrero

Excused: 1 - Julie Lie

Absent: 2 - Diego Castaneda and Susana Sngiem

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Bryan Franklin from the BAM, the BAM Advertising Movement discussed that he has signed up to be a part of the Point-in-Time Count and he feels that research has shown four major issues in homelessness solutions. He hopes to be able to partner up and work collaboratively.

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

Mayor's Fund Subcommittee Update

- Member James Howat provided an update
 - The Mayor's Fund subcommittee had a low turnout meeting, only staff and the Subcommittee Chair were in attendance. In the prior subcommittee meeting, there was a request forward to the applicant to revise their budget to best fit the Mayor's Fund intent. His Little Feet responded with a revised budget.
 - There was the decision to forward the His Little Feet Mayor's Fund Application to the larger group given it meet the demand of the prior subcommittee meeting.

Policy Subcommittee Update

- Vice- Chair Desiree Rew provided an update
 - The Policy Subcommittee did not meet but is expected to meet on Monday, January 23rd at 9 am.

Continuum of Care Update

- Member Sylvia Guerrero was not in attendance at the time of the update.

2. [23-002HS](#) Recommendation to receive and file all subcommittee updates.

A motion was made by Member Sarah Bedy, seconded by Member Jim Howat, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Sarah Bedy, James Howat, S. Jolene Hui, Jeffrey Johnson, Ray Morquecho and Desiree Rew

Abstain: 1 - Sylvia Guerrero

Excused: 1 - Julie Lie

Absent: 2 - Diego Castaneda and Susana Sngiem

HIS LITTLE FEET MAYORS FUND APPLICATION

Vice Chair Desiree Rew introduced Chair of the Subcommittee Member Jim Howat. He recommended to move forward this proposal warranting that the funds were going to homeless children, and he would be able to get an explanation for the high cost per shoe.

- Executive Director for His Little Feet, Hali Wolf was present. She responds to his questions. His Little Feet partners up with many low-income, homeless service, local organizations to provide shoes to young children a few being, His Nesting Place and Precious Lamb Preschool, they will give about 10% of new shoes to adults but it is typically for children. Sometimes they receive emergency request for shoes, but their goal is to get children into quality no name brand shoes that they will not outgrow in a month.
- Currently they are serving about 1400 children a year and have found it difficult to raise funds with increase cost.
- Staff asked for a point clarification on the recommended amount to fund, since the initial \$6,000 was increased to \$10,000. Hali explained that she would like to move forward for the \$10,000 total funding and it would be budgeting for only shoes as she feels this would be the best use of the money from her organization.
- Vice-Chair Desiree Rew recommended that the approval for funding be for the \$10,000 and asked for a second after clarification on how many shoes would be provided.

3. [23-003HS](#) Recommendation from the Mayor's Fund Subcommittee to approve the His Little Feet application.

A motion was made by Member James Howat, seconded by Member S. Jolene Hui, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Sarah Bedy, Sylvia Guerrero, James Howat, S. Jolene Hui, Jeffrey Johnson, Ray Morquecho and Desiree Rew

Excused: 1 - Julie Lie

Absent: 2 - Diego Castaneda and Susana Sngiem

WINTER SHELTER UPDATE

Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Program Officer, provided an update

- The Temporary Winter Shelter Program is a program that is focused on providing easy, low- barrier access shelter during the months that see the most cold and wet weather. The Program is run in partnership with the City and County of Los Angeles.
- It is a 24-hour operation, primarily funded through LASHA but the City of Long Beach does provide support, this site services the South Bay region. This year First to Serve Inc. will be the service provider. There are on-site services like pick up and drop off and pets are allowed at this location if they are under 30 pounds.
- This year the location is in District 3 at the Heart Center Area of Community Hospital. There are no walk-ups or walk-outs. There was a discussion about the current challenges like the plumbing issues
- A timeline was presented to show the process in which the city located, agreed and went to Council, it also included an opening and the future close date.
- Member Sarah Bedy asked, what was the demand in beds from the County side and since the current plumbing issues will not be resolved during this operational period what will the current leaser of the location do to ensure the same issue will not occur next year.
- Paul Duncan answered, currently he does not have the information about the demand in beds that solely are being requested by County but knows that every day the site is at capacity. There are a few people that leave the site, so that are select openings daily. He does not expect this location to be available for next year's winter shelter as construction of a new building should start later this year.

4. [23-004HS](#) Recommendation to receive and file Winter Shelter Updates.

A motion was made by Member S. Jolene Hui, seconded by Member Sylvia Guerrero, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Sarah Bedy, Sylvia Guerrero, James Howat, S. Jolene Hui, Jeffrey Johnson, Ray Morquecho and Desiree Rew

Excused: 1 - Julie Lie

Absent: 2 - Diego Castaneda and Susana Sngiem

HOMELESS SERVICES STAFF REPORT

Joel Reynoza, the Homeless Resource Coordinator, provided an update on Outreach

- Outreach direct phone number, 562-470-4672(4MSC) is live and taking calls
 - 256 requests for Outreach
 - 204 recorded contacts
 - 18 tidelands/weekend outreach
 - 290 first-time visitors to the MSC
 - 3289 total visits in December
 - 164 average daily visits
 - 469 phone calls answered

Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Program Officer, provided an update

- For the staffing update
 - Jeffrey Procter was introduced as the new Admin and Operations Officer; he spoke and offered a brief overview of his current role and previous work experience.
 - There are a few people in background and some additional positions in various stages of recruitment and interviewing.
- Homeless Count will be on January 26, there will be trainings held within the next two weeks.
- Two Request for Proposals were closed and reviewed, they are on way to City Council docket. The proposal is for the MSC's modular shelters and the selection of a service provider for the Luxury Inn.
- Emergency Housing Vouchers and its progress; the dashboard has not been updated this month:
 - 582 Emergency Housing Vouchers available
 - 340 vouchers leased up, close to 60%
 - The HSB met the HUD goal and anticipate 100% lease up by September 30th
 - A major focus will be on creating relationships with housing providers.
- The Emergency Proclamation on Homelessness is expected to be formally announced at the Jan. 10th Council meeting, the language is listed under agenda item 19. There will be a longer presentation on the Proclamation in future meetings.

5. [23-005HS](#) Recommendation to receive and file the Homeless Services Bureau Staff Report.

A motion was made by Member Sarah Bedy, seconded by Member Ray Morquecho, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Sarah Bedy, Sylvia Guerrero, James Howat, S. Jolene Hui, Jeffrey Johnson, Ray Morquecho and Desiree Rew

Excused: 1 - Julie Lie

Absent: 2 - Diego Castaneda and Susana Sngiem

CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR REPORT

- None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Staff is waiting on guidance from the City Attorney's Office to find out when the city will officially sunset the waiver for in person meeting. However, it is expected that the March meeting will be held in person.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- None

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:35 p.m. Vice-Chair Desiree Rew adjourned the meeting.

